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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Jeffrey Pwu

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on ____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) 2,3.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s) ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is responsive to the application, filed 2000-03-10.
2. The disposition of claims is: claims 1-20 are pending as filed. Claims 1, 9, and 13 are independent.
3. The group art unit of the Examiner handling your case has changed. The new art unit is **3624**. Please use current art unit on all correspondence to help us route your case in a timely fashion.

Title

4. The title of the invention is not descriptive. A new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

5. Claims 1, 9, and 13 recites the limitations "borrower's identity" and "collateral identity" in the claim. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.
6. Dependent claims 2-8, 10-12, and 14-20 are rejected based on their dependency on a rejected parent claim.

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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

7. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

8. Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated over applicant disclosed prior art, *Norris* (US 5,870,721).

Norris teaches:

A system and method of processing a secured loan comprising:

accepting a loan application from a borrower, the loan application comprising at least the borrower's identity (col.5, line 60-col.6, line 7; col.8, lines 54-59), collateral identity (col.8, lines 54-59), and stated income of the borrower (col.7, line 67-col.8, line 9);

generating a credit request based upon the borrower's identity to obtain a credit report (it is inherent to use FICO or any trusted credit report system as a method of determining the likelihood that credit users will pay their bills), the credit report including credit information credit information and credit score information (16, col.6, lines 8-55; col.7, lines 10-37 ad 55-65);

accessing a property valuation database using the collateral identity (col.8, lines 54-55);

based upon the credit report, generating an approval of the property valuation from the database, generating a credit approval, and underwriting title of the identified collateral (col.6, lines 8-55; col.7, lines 10-37 ad 55-65);

based upon the credit report and the stated income of the borrower, generating an approval of the borrower's ability to repay the loan(col.6, lines 8-55; col.7, lines 10-37 ad 55-65);

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based upon the credit , collateral, and the ability to repay approvals, generating loan documentation (col.6, lines 8-55; col.7, lines 10-37 ad 55-65; 16);

transmitting the loan documentation to the borrower (col.4, line 54-col.5, line 35); and closing the loan (abstract; "A method and apparatus for closed loop, automatic processing a loan...").

☞ Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to Jeffrey Pwu whose telephone number is (703) 308-7835

Jeffrey Pwu

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey Pwu", written in a cursive style.

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